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In re the Application of: ) Art Unit: 36720 Laurence J. Ayling ) Serial No.: 10/780,796 ) Examiner: Frank S. Tsay Filed: 18 February 2004 ). Atty. Docket: AYL-1-CONT-2 Title: Continuous Circulation Drilling Method ) I hereby certify that correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, V.A. 22313 on AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for

Patents

Ronald B Sherer

23 March 2006.

Cancel Claims 1 - 10 and substitute new Claims 11 - 20.

Status of Claims

Claim 1 - 10 (Cancelled)

Claims 11 - 20 (New)